

***Divergent*** *by Veronica Roth*

##### In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue--Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is--she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

##### During the highly competitive initiation that follows, Beatrice renames herself Tris and struggles alongside her fellow initiates to live out the choice they have made. Together they must undergo extreme physical tests of endurance and intense psychological simulations, some with devastating consequences. As initiation transforms them all, Tris must determine who her friends really are--and where, exactly, a romance with a sometimes fascinating, sometimes exasperating boy fits into the life she's chosen. But Tris also has a secret, one she's kept hidden from everyone because she's been warned it can mean death. And as she discovers unrest and growing conflict that threaten to unravel her seemingly perfect society, she also learns that her secret might help her save those she loves . . . or it might destroy her.

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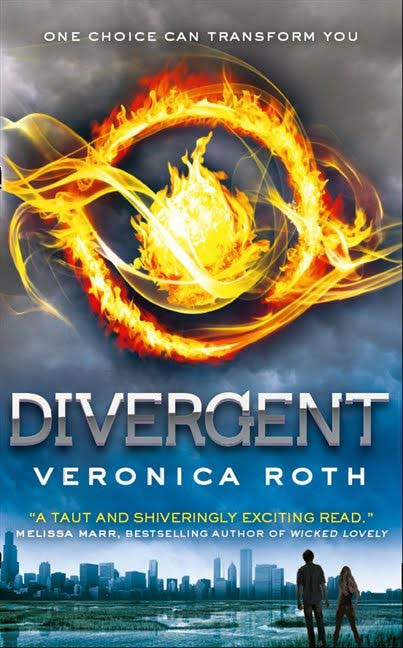
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Online

Welcome!

**Collaborize Classroom Book Club**

Welcome to our online book club! This is a space where we can have conversations about the books we read each month. Students, teachers and parents are welcome to join in these discussions.

* Once you sign-up in the library, you will be sent an invitation to join via email.
* There will be an informational meeting at school during Channel One on October 8th to show you how to use the Collaborize Classroom website.

**Objectives:**

* Inspire a love of reading.
* Encourage students to read for pleasure.
* Begin a thoughtful dialogue about literature.
* Provide students with an opportunity to think critically about literature and practice reading strategies.
* Build relationships between students, teachers and parents that will strengthen our school community.

As we begin our discussions online it is important to remember that to be a successful book club we must respect each other. We may not always agree with one another’s perspectives or points of view, but we need to stay open-minded and supportive in our online dialogue. Remember that a variety of opinions will make our discussions interesting.

Please review the following **expectations for online communication**:

* Use each other’s names.
* Be considerate.
* Ask questions.
* Listen to all the ideas presented and stay open-minded.
* Respond instead of reacting.
* Reread your messages before sending to avoid confusion.
* Actively engage in the conversation by posting thoughtful responses to the questions and replying to the other members of our book club.

**What We’re Reading**

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We will be reading *Divergent* for the next 6 weeks. Please try to follow along as best as you can. It is ok to read ahead as long as you don’t give the plot away to those who are following this schedule. If you are having difficulties, please let me know and I will help you.

Discussion questions should be posted on the website Monday mornings. If you do not have Internet access at home, you may use the library computers before & after school.

***Divergent* Reading Schedule:**

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| Week #1 | December 16-22 | Chapters 1-7 | 68 pages |
| Week #2 | December 23-29 | Chapters 8-12 | 77 pages |
| Week #3 | Dec. 30-January 5 | Chapters 13-19 | 79 pages |
| Week #4 | January 6-12 | Chapters 20-25 | 76 pages |
| Week #5 | January 13-19 | Chapters 26-31 | 79 pages |
| Week #5 | January 20-25 | Chapters 32-39 | 72 pages |

**FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS**

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| **DAY** | | **TIME** |
| FRIDAY | December 14th | Channel One |
| FRIDAY | December 21st | Channel One |
| WEDNESDAY | January 9th | Channel One |
| FRIDAY | January 18th | Channel One |
| FRIDAY | January 25th | After School/half day |

If you fall behind in the reading, let me know. This is an activity that can be very flexible and tailored to your needs and wishes. This is your club too and we can all learn how to manage it together.

☺ Happy Reading!

Ms. Trowbridge